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Applicants : Neirynck et al.
Application No. : 09/498,046 Confirmation No. : 8244
Filed : February 4, 2000
For : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND
ITS USE IN VACCINATION
Group Art Unit : 1648
Examiner : Shanon A. Foley

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the July 3, 2002 Final Office Action. With the extension, the deadline to respond is January 3, 2003.

The Director is authorized to charge \$465 in payment of the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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